

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending. Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in Applicants' specification as originally filed, for example, at page 9, lines 22-23 and page 10, lines 3-4. Support for new claim 16 may be found in Applicants' specification as originally filed, for example, in original claim 4 and in the inventive experiments, Tables 1 and 2.

I. The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

The Examiner states that the language "block copolymerization type" in claim 1 and "positive type" claims 11 and 12 is indefinite as to scope and meaning.

Applicants have amended the claims for clarity to remove the term "type" in connection with the terms "positive" and "block copolymerization."

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' claims are clear and definite and it is requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

I. The Rejection Based on Tomoi et al. (Japanese 11-202488)

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly obvious over JP11-202488.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to state that the block copolymerization polyimide comprises phenolic hydroxyl groups.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention clearly distinguishes the teachings and disclosed products of JP11-202488. According to the present inventions, phenolic hydroxyl groups are introduced in a main chain of polyimide to make it soluble in alkaline solution. Thereby, the present invention provides a solvent soluble block copolymerization polyimide composition and photosensitive ink with unexpectedly high resolution.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of claims 1-16 is neither taught by nor made obvious from the disclosures of JP11-202488 et al and it is requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that their claimed invention is allowable and ask that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited.

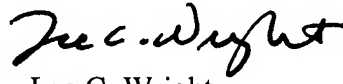
If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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